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TO: All Interested Parties

DATE: September 30, 2016

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS POLICY

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in the second series of public workshops relating to the update of ARB's Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) Policy. A SEP is an environmentally beneficial project that a person subject to an enforcement action voluntarily agrees to undertake in settlement of the action and to offset a portion of a civil penalty. In 2015, Assembly Bill 1071 was passed which requires all boards, departments, and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to develop a policy on SEPs that benefits disadvantaged communities. These workshops will introduce ARB's revised draft SEP Policy, and provide an opportunity to comment on the selection, development, and implementation of SEPs under the new SEP Policy.

The same information will be presented at each workshop. The workshops will be held at the following locations and times:

Date: **October 24, 2016**
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Elihu M. Harris State Office Building
1515 Clay Street, Room 1
Oakland, California 94612
Directions: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/hai/Documents/TravelingtoOakland.pdf>

Date: **October 25, 2016**
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Location: Kern County Public Services Building
2700 M Street, #100, First Floor Conference Room
Bakersfield, California 93301
Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/moMCXMja57H2>

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For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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Date: **October 26, 2016**
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Comite Civico del Valle
235 Main Street
Brawley, California 92227
Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/ReBo2hQppRr>

Date: **October 27, 2016**
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Auditorium of the California Air Resources Board
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731
Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/Wn8sK7E1hLP2>

Background

State Law allows companies and individuals who have violated air quality regulations to pay part of a penalty to support a SEP. In 2015, ARB assessed more than \$10 million in penalties and diverted more than \$1.5 million of these funds to support SEPs.

Assembly Bill 1071 (Atkins) was adopted in 2015, and requires each board within the CalEPA to establish a policy on SEPs that benefits disadvantaged communities, and allows up to 50 percent of an enforcement penalty to be devoted to a SEP. The policy must be developed through a public process, and each board is required to develop an annual list of SEPs that may be selected for implementation. The policy is required to consider the relationship between the location of the violation and the location of the proposed SEP.

Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodation for the workshop, or need this document in an alternative format (e.g. Braille, large print), or another language, please contact Ms. Victoria Villa, Air Pollution Specialist, either at (626) 575-6772 or by email at victoria.villa@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 14 business days before the workshop. TTY/TTD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Please check the website <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/seppolicy.htm> for updates, including the workshop notice, presentation, and other related documents. Updates will also be sent out via our electronic list serve. To subscribe, please enroll at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=ej.

We welcome your participation. If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Michelle Shultz Wood either at (626) 459-4338 or by email at sep@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd P. Sax", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Todd P. Sax, Chief
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